



### EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 121. According to the Examiner, the application contains claims directed to the following allegedly patently distinct species of the claimed invention:

- I. Group I – Figures 1-6; and
- II. Group II – Figures 7-10.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 is generic. It is noted that the Examiner has provided no reason as to why Figures refer to two patently distinct species of the claimed invention. Further, it is noted that the Examiner has provided no reason as to why it would place a serious burden upon the Examiner if the two groups are not restricted.

### ELECTION AND REMARKS

For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement. Figures 1-6 illustrate one embodiment of the presently claimed invention. Figures 7-10 illustrated another embodiment of the presently claimed invention. Both sets of Figures are directed to the same claimed parking brake arrangement. As indicated in paragraph 0031 of the application, both embodiments function in the same way in all major aspects. Those parts that are the same for both sets of Figures are given the same reference number. Those features that differ include the housing 5 and its attachment (Figure 7), the release button 14 and its associated link system (Figure 9), and the housing holder 1 (Figure 10). Still, in all major aspects, the two embodiments are the same for the purpose of the presently claimed invention.

Accordingly, Figures 1-6 are directed to the same invention as Figures 7-10 and therefore are not patentably distinct. Further, no serious burden will be placed on the Examiner in prosecuting both groups of Figures in the present application because, as noted above, both sets of Figures function in the same way in all major aspects. Finally, all claims can be applied to either set of Figures. For these reasons, withdrawal of the Restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner is still not persuaded by the above remarks and still requires election, Applicant thereby elects WITH TRAVERSE that species corresponding to **Group I**, of which claims 1-15 are readable thereon, for continued prosecution at this time.

Applicant furthermore elects at this time not to amend the described specification so as to provide adequate disclosure for any divisional application(s) that may follow.

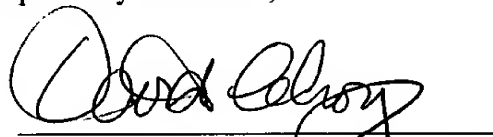
Applicant believes this reply to be complete and proper in all respects, made in a *bona fide* attempt to advance the above-captioned application to issuance. Applicant respectfully requests, however, that if Applicant has inadvertently failed to comply with any requirement or consider any matter, Applicant be given notice of the same and a new time period for reply.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application. Allowance of the claims is believed to be in order and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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